

Letters to the editor

The CIA is at it again?

CIA Director Stansfield Turner and his loyal deputies have been telling us all year that they've cleaned up their CIA dirty tricks outfit. Then comes last month's bombshell. Since May, the CIA, equipped by Egyptian friend Anwar Sadat, has been covertly aiming radio broadcasts at Iran, advocating the overthrow of the Khomeini government (*The Washington Star*, June 29). Boasting the title, "The Free Voice of Iran," the broadcasts have appealed to Iranians to "take guns in your hands" to overthrow Khomeini for the likes of the shah's last prime minister, Shahpur Baktiar.

This covert deception is objectionable for a number of reasons:

(1) It flatly contradicts "official" U.S. policy being carried out at the State Department and White House, which is one of support for Iranian President Bani Sadr.

(2) In terms of infuriating Iranians and prolonging the hostage crisis, few policies could have been as effective. One has to conclude that Brzezinski and the CIA, who apparently jointly masterminded the operation, have little desire to see the hostages returned.

(3) It shows that the United States has learned nothing from the disastrous failures of 27 years of intervention in the process of self-determination of the Iranian people.

Someday the United States will learn that the newest electronic shredding machines and hyped-up

security measures in our embassies overseas will not so much as dent the incidence of future hostage "crises." As long as the United States continues to interfere in the internal affairs of Third World peoples in attempts to make and depose kings and presidents, hostages will be taken and Third World peoples will view us as the enemy.

The solution is simple: legislate effective "leashing" of the CIA and stop the interference. The American people should demand as much.

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